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Title: Need to open border trade and commerce between India and Myanmar through Tizu River waterways in Nagaland.

SHRI K.A. SANGTAM (NAGALAND): Sir, Nagaland is a hilly and remote State locked with bottle – necked outlet and economically backward with vast potentially untapped resources for export and marketing.

All along the acute mountainous Indo-Myanmar boundary-trading route exist in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram and Meghalaya *via* Dawki, excepting Nagaland sector which is inaccessible by road except *via* Tizu River waterways. The Tizu River is the only river of Nagaland, which flows into Myanmar. It joins Chindwin River near Tamanthi town, which in turn is a tributary of the great Irrawaddy River of Myanmar that discharges into the Indian Ocean.

This inland waterway route between India and Myanmar is very important for border trade and commerce. On the Indian side there is very heavy deposit of natural resources. On Myanmar side there is a good deposit of precious stone, gold and also the famous "Burma teak" is grown in plenty which can be brought into India through this inland waterway.

I request the Union Government to open border trade and commerce between India and Myanmar through Tizu river waterways in Nagaland.